

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1-6 (canceled).

7 (currently amended). [Device according to Claim 1] Overload safety device for use in a press, comprising a driving device with a drive shaft, a slide for carrying out an oscillating movement, and a connecting rod configured to the operatively connect the drive shaft with the slide and said connecting rod having a large and small eye,

wherein the connecting rod has a pressure element disposed displaceably in a longitudinal direction of the connecting rod to act upon a fluid such that, when a predetermined force acts upon the connecting rod, a pressure increase occurs in the fluid which is then guided to a pressure limiting valve to cause, when a predetermined pressure is exceeded, an interruption of the oscillating movement of the slide,

wherein the pressure element comprises two half shells and substantially completely surrounds the drive shafts.

8 (original). Device according to Claim 7, wherein the two half shells are mutually connected by connecting elements.

9-17 (canceled).

18 (currently amended). Press [according to claim 17] having a driving device which has a drive shaft, a slide and a connecting rod operatively connecting the drive shaft with the slide, and an overload safety device arranged in the connecting rod, further comprising several slides and associated connecting rods, wherein each connecting rod has [an] the overload safety device [according to Claim 1] comprising a driving device with a drive shaft, a slide for carrying out an oscillating movement, and a connecting rod configured to the operatively connect the drive shaft with the slide and said connecting rod having a large and small eye,

wherein the connecting rod has a pressure element disposed displaceably in a longitudinal direction of the connecting rod to act upon a fluid such that, when a predetermined force acts upon the connecting rod, a pressure increase occurs in the fluid which is then guided to a pressure limiting valve to cause, when a predetermined pressure is exceeded, an interruption of the oscillating movement of the slide, with the fluid of each of the devices being operatively connected with one another.